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Hello, everyone. Welcome to November. It's getting colder by the day around here with the first few snowflakes having appeared already. Time to get settled in for winter! Also, the holiday season is not far away. Next month will be our annual holiday edition of the Newsletter. Once again this year, Radio HF has gift certificates available for any denomination. Contact Radio HF for details.

I'd like to invite all of you to participate in a special celebration I will be involved in on Sunday, November 11. The International Radio Report, a weekly half-hour show about radio, which airs on CKUT-FM 90.3, the radio station at McGill University in Montreal, will celebrate its 20th anniversary. It was Thursday, November 12, 1987, when I began the show during CKUT's first broadcast week on the FM band.
The anniversary will be marked on Sunday, November 11th, at 10:30 AM EST (1530 UT). I will return to the studio at CKUT to sit in on the 20th anniversary broadcast of the programme with current hosts Steve and Janice Karlock to reminisce about the past.

I co-hosted the show with Bill Westenhaver for approximately 17 years. Bill and I finally turned it over to Steve and Janice about 3 years ago. Radio, in all its shapes, sizes and subject matters, was and is the theme of the programme. I would like to invite everyone to tune in to the 20th anniversary broadcast Sunday morning on CKUT 90.3 FM. Live streaming of the show will be on the CKUT website available

at http://www.ckut.ca/live64.m3u

In this month's Newsletter, the Monthly Special Zone for November features websites about Remembrance/Veterans Day, America Recycles Day and U.S. Thanksgiving.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Your submissions of any interesting websites would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the seven contributors below who have submitted material this month.

Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec
Thorsten Hallmann, Münster, Germany
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Andy Sennitt via DX LISTENING DIGEST
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=history/other/remember

This is the Veterans Affairs Canada's webpage detailing Remembrance Day in Canada.

VETERANS DAY

http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/

This is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs webpage detailing events for Veterans Day 2007 on November 11.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

http://nrc-recycle.org/americarecycles.aspx

America Recycles Day (ARD), November 15, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. Celebrating its 10th year, it has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials.

U.S. THANKSGIVING DAY

http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/life_and_culture/holidays/thanksgiving_day.html

This is the U.S. Department of State's information page on the U.S. Thanksgiving celebration.

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THE NOVEMBER ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of November.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November

Also, here are some special days in November:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Aviation History Month
National Adoption Month
National AIDS Awareness Month
National Alzheimer's Disease Month
National American Indian Heritage Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

4-10 National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
4-10 National Long Term Care Awareness Week

SPECIAL DAYS

11- Veterans Day
15 - America Recycles Day
16 - United Nations International Day of Tolerance
19 - U.S. Marine Corps Day
21 - United Nations World Television Day
22 - Thanksgiving Day
25 - United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
29 - United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Peanut Butter Lovers' Month
9 - Guiness World Records Day
21 - Pumpkin Pie Day

Sources:
Chase's Calendar of Events 2007
California Department of Education 2007 Calendar of Events.
Earth Calendar
National Safety Council 2007 Calendar of Events
UN Special Observances and Events
Women Watch Calendar of Events

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/November_2007.htm

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

PALSTAR

At PALSTAR we don't just design, manufacture and sell Amateur Radio products - we use them on the air everyday just like you! The PALSTAR product line was developed and is built in the USA because we wanted high quality products that live up to their specifications.

Palstar offers a diverse product line of antenna tuners, antenna analyzers, dummy loads, watt meters, shortwave receivers, and other products. To view the complete line of Palstar products, please visit

http://www.palstar.com/

Palstar products are available from Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for details on pricing and availability of Palstar products.

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THE RADIO ZONE

RADIO NEWSWEB

http://www.radionewsweb.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Radio Newsweb is the brainchild of John Sutton and Keith Hayes. It was created because we felt the web lacked a good site for intelligent discussion of radio and radio issues despite the proliferation of broadcasts on the web and the tremendous opportunities which the web potentially offers for radio.

TRANSDIFFUSION BROADCASTING SYSTEM

http://www.transdiffusion.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Transdiffusion developed in 1964 from a school-based tape-recording club known as the Transdiffusion Networking Association (TNA). Founded by Kif Bowden-Smith and based in the Wirral, its members communicated by sending letters to each other on reel-to-reel tape.

Run on a not-for-profit basis and staffed entirely by volunteers, Transdiffusion is now dedicated to using modern methods of communication to educate and inform on broadcasting history. We do this by making available Transdiffusion's broadcasting archive for research and educational purposes.

AFRICALIST

http://www.muenster.org/uwz/ms-alt/africalist/

VIA Thorsten Hallmann, Münster, Germany, 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST

This page offers a complete list of Sub-Saharan Africa Radio Stations broadcasting on Shortwave, frequencies, times, listening experiences.

DX ASIA

http://www.dxasia.info/

VIA Andy Sennitt via DX LISTENING DIGEST

DXAsia was "invented" over a meal in a Dutch restaurant, which seems a rather unlikely place to discuss a Web site focusing on radio in South Asia. The idea behind the site couldn't be simpler: to create a place on the Web where the latest schedules, news and information about radio broadcasts from and to South Asia can always be found.

CRUISE SHIP FREQUENCIES

http://home.earthlink.net/~ecps92/cruise_ships.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This web site is a collection of radio data that has been found thru Web Research, E-Mail Lists and extensive monitoring by dedicated Scannists through-out the United States and the world.

STOP IBOC

http://www.stopiboc.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

A hybrid digital/analog broadcasting system has been pushed through a perfunctory FCC approval process, by the developer working in concert with the National Association of Broadcasters and large corporate radio groups to benefit a few big-market Am radio stations.
Not only does "In-Band", On-Channel" hybrid/analog AM radio not work well - it generates harmful interference which could end AM radio listening as it has existed since 1920. End the Radio Engineering Scourge That Could Mean Doom To AM Radio.

RADIO 2 RADIO

http://radio2radio.blogspot.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Radio 2 Radio is a blog that broadcasts amateur & ham radio news and current events from around the world.

DUTCH DIGITAL AMATEUR TELEVISION SITE

http://www.d-atv.nl/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This website will provide you with everything you ever wanted to know about digital amateur television. Digital Amateur Television, formally known as D-ATV, is growing in popularity. D-ATV is based on the DVB-Satellite standard which has been developed by the DVB organization.

BALLOON EXPERIMENTS WITH AMATEUR RADIO

http://www.sbszoo.com/bear/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A few of us in the Edmonton, Alberta area decided to start launching high altitude experimental amateur radio payloads, nicknamed BEAR (Balloon Experiments with Amateur Radio), after watching other groups do this and seeing no reason why they should have all the fun. We are not a club or official group, but simply a few individual amateurs with similar interests, a common goal and hope that our BEAR projects, which anyone is welcome to participate in, will help promote education, experimentation & camaraderie between all amateurs & amateur radio clubs in the area.

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WEST MOUNTAIN RADIO
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What is Rigblaster? A Rigblaster is the easiest way to properly connect your radio to a computer so that you may operate using over 100 existing and probably any future ham radio sound card program. You will be able to operate over twenty exciting new modes that your radio would not operate otherwise. A Rigblaster Pro is the only way to do everything you can do with a computer and a radio.

For more information on this unique product, as well as other products available from West Mountain Radio, please visit their webpage at

http://www.westmountainradio.com/

Rigblaster is available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

SOLAR TERRESTRIAL DISPATCH

http://www.spacew.com/index.php

VIA Mark Durenberger, Grand Junction, Colorado

Although this is related to a firm that sells a product, there is a lot of free information on the site regarding solar activity,

astronomical events, propagation, etc.

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY AND AWARENESS

http://www.weather.gov/om/winter/index.shtml

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is NOAA's National Weather Service about winter weather conditions, safety, predictions, etc.

AVALANCHE

http://www.avalanche.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page features links to various avalanche centres around the world.

COMETOGRAPHY

http://cometography.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page has details of current and future comets visible from Earth, details on comet orbits, comets of the past, and more.

ZARYA SOVIET, RUSSIAN & INTERNATIONAL SPACE FLIGHT

http://www.zarya.info/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Within Zarya you will find diaries and fact sheets on the Soviet space programme and its successor, the Russian space programme. The site includes space programmes and space research undertaken by the Soviet Union and Russia starting with Korolyov's R-7 rocket and Sputnik earth satellites. In addition, the Zarya web site carries information on other countries' efforts in space. There are also sections covering radio satellite tracking frequencies, and satellite orbits.

THE WORLD WITHOUT US

http://www.worldwithoutus.com/

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Based on the book The World without Us this site shows what would happen if humans suddenly disappeared from the face of the Earth.

HMCS HAIDA

http://hmcshaida.ca/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

I have just completed a modernization of the virtual tour found in the Friends of HMCS HAIDA web page. This includes new photos, rescans of old photos with the latest H-P scanner and some revisions/additions to the web copy.

VISUAL SIGNALLING IN THE RCN

http://www.jproc.ca/rrp/visual.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Back in August, I announced the availability of "Visual Signalling in the RCN". This provided the initial exposure on which I was able to build on.
Over the last 6 weeks I have been busy researching the topic and contacting individuals. As a result, there has been a substantial addition of material. The original document has now split into four parts. There is a General Introduction to Visual Signalling with three "Tools of the Trade" documents linked to it. Covered are the topics of flags, lights, semaphore/other and interspersed throughout are comments about the state of the art from those currently serving in RCN NAVCOMM. The material covers WWII to present day including the role that the WRENs played in VS.

SILENT ERA

http://www.silentera.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This site is a collection of news and information pertaining to silent era films.

LIVE PLASMA

http://www.liveplasma.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Live Plasma is a new way to broaden your cultural horizons according to your taste in movies and music. Look for your favourite bands, movies or directors to obtain a map that details other potential interests.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

NEW: THE ARRL OPERATING MANUAL - 9th Edition

The ARRL Operating Manual for Radio Amateurs is the most complete book about Amateur Radio operating. It was written to help guide you through the dozens of ways hams communicate with each other. It contains information that every ham needs:

Beginners explore the broad range of ham radio activities, practices and events.
Intermediate hams sharpen your skills, earn awards and participate in contests.
Experienced hams find frequently needed references, details on new technology, and new ways to enjoy your favorite activities.

Contents
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VHF/UHF FM, Repeaters, Digital Voice and Data, SSB and CW
Emergency Communications
Traffic Handling Getting the Message Through
DXing Contacting Those Faraway Places
Contesting Competitive Wireless
HF Digital Communications
Image Communications
Amateur Satellites
The FCC Rules and You Operating Legally, Safely, and Appropriately
Operating Awards
References - Call Sign Prefix List, Antenna Bearing Maps, Abbreviations, and much more.
Ninth edition, first printing. © 2003-2007, published by American Radio Relay League, Inc.
(ISBN: 0-87259-109-3) #1093 - $29.95 Canadian or U.S.
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Once again, the RSGB has recruited experts on a wide variety of subjects to produce one of the most comprehensive guides to the practical side of Amateur Radio. This guide covers the entire spectrum from basic to advanced projects (projects for 136 kHz to 76 GHz), including many classic circuits. This book is essential for every shack.

Now includes a chapter on Software Defined Radio from the RSGB columnist Steve Ireland, VK6VZ and Phil Harman, VK6APH, Low Frequencies including 500kHz, DSP, Bluetooth, USB and new HF data modes. Appendices contain all the useful reference data and artwork for printed circuit boards.

BONUS CD-ROM INCLUDED! Search every page of the book at the touch of a button. This makes the book incredibly easy to navigate. Finding that important page has never been easier. The ability to print individual pages is a significant bonus for every experimenter and builder wishing to use those all important circuit diagrams.

800 pages. Ninth edition, © 2007, Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). (ISBN: 9781-9050-863) #1215 - $54.95 Canadian or U.S.
Coming Soon!

VHF/UHF HANDBOOK - Edited by: Andy Barter, G8ATD
This book is the successor to the popular VHF/UHF Manual. Use it as a guide to the theory and practice of VHF/UHF operating and transmission lines. It includes essential background on getting started, antennas, constructing your own equipment, satellite operation, local nets, and specialized modes such as data and TV.

320 pages. Second edition, © 1969-2007, published by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).
(ISBN: 9781-9050-863) #1229 - $29.95 Canadian or U.S.
Coming Soon!

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

CAPE COD CRANBERRY GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

http://www.cranberries.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Established in 1888, the CCCGA is one of the oldest farmer organizations in the country. By maintaining focus on grower issues, the goal of the Association is to "Enhance the economic viability of the Massachusetts cranberry grower". Our mission is to support and promote the cranberry growers of Massachusetts. Inside this web site is information for both members and the public alike. Come explore and learn more about the unique aspects and history of Massachusetts cranberry agriculture, cranberry recipes, industry news and more.

REASONS YOU WILL HATE ME

http://reasonsyouwillhateme.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The ill-informed rantings and half-baked theories from someone who should know better.

VENTRILOQUIST CENTRAL

http://www.ventriloquistcentral.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a tribute site dedicated to ventriloquism.

JON'S WORLD O' SQUIRRELS

http://www.gottshall.com/squirrels/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page is devoted to the nut-gathering, nose-wiggling, bushy-tailed nibblers known as squirrels.

TOONOPEDIA

http://www.toonopedia.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to the world's first hypertext encyclopaedia of toons which will soon, I hope, come to be regarded as the Internet's most comprehensive source of information about the U.S. toon scene. So, what's a toon? A toon is a cartoon or cartoon character "cartoon" referring not just to the animated kind, but also to such "still cartoons" as comic books, newspaper strips, magazine cartoons, etc.

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THE 2007 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

NOTE: This calendar will return in January 2008.

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

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RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

The holidays are not far away. Gift certificates are a great idea if you're not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF once again this year is offering gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

RADIO H.F. NATURE BOOKS DIVISION

The Radio H.F. Nature Division offers hundreds of specialty books in the fields of birding, animals, plants, etc. A complete listing of the titles is available on the new Radio H.F. web page at http://www.radiohf.ca. Simply click on the Canada goose!

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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CIDX is working on its new webpage. The update is far from complete, but you are welcome to visit the new page. Watch for new information and developments on the page shortly.

http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated on a weekly basis by webmaster Daniel Sampson of Arcadia, Wisconsin. The schedules are being constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, DBase, Excel and PalmOS formats (Dan Lyddy creates the PalmOS file). You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, beginning its 20th year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC or 1430 UTC during Daylight Savings Time. The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The new broadcast schedules for the winter broadcast season (28 October 2007 to 8 March 2008) have been posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website.

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